FAIRLIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at Fairlight Village Hall on Tuesday 22nd November 2016 at 7 pm.

Present: Councillors Mrs J Annetts, Revd V. Gibbs (Chair), D. Greenup, T. King, S. Leadbetter, A. Mier and D. Thatcher. Also present: Parish Clerk A. Evett, Cllrs Bird and Maynard and members of the public.

16174 **Item 1 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Mrs C Gallagher, M. Jones and RDC Cllr Saint.

16175 **Item 2 Code of Conduct and Disclosure of Interests:** there were none.

16176 **Item 3 To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 1st November 2016.**
The minutes having been distributed prior to the meeting and made available to the Public at the meeting, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

16177 **Item 4 Matters arising from the Minutes not otherwise on the Agenda.** There were three, as follows:
(1) Bank mandate: It was resolved that the authorised signatories in the current mandate, for the accounts detailed in section 2 *of the form*, be changed in accordance with sections 5 and 6 *of the form* and the current mandate will continue as amended.
(2) The Brighter Fairlight judging panel will be Cllrs Revd Gibbs, A Mier and D Thatcher.
(3) The Emergency Plan (updated version) is nearly ready, street wardens for The Close and Coastguards Lane required.

16178 **Item 5 Financial Matters – resolved as follows:**
(a) Approval and payment of accounts - the Clerk was authorised to vire funds for the energy costs for the compressor from reserves and to seek clarification of why they are so high.
(b) Draft budget noted.
(c) Payment of regular payments in advance noted as there is no December meeting.

Cheque number	Payee	Gross	VAT reclaimable	Notes
1867	AB Fire and security	98.78	16.46	CCTV October & November 2016
1868	Mrs V King	xxxxxx		November and December Salary
1869	Mrs A Evett	xxxxxx		November and December Salary and expenses
1870	Miss T Robertson	60.00		Bus shelters invoice November & December
1871	SSALC Ltd	66.00	11.00	Planning training, Battle 10/11/16
1872	Rother District Council	2,576.30		Contribution Fairlight Compressor
1873	Kemp & Catt Limited	1,093.20	182.20	Final grass mowing invoice
1874	Fairlight Preservation Trust	30.00		Donation for AGM from Chairman's allowance
		xxxxxx	209.66	

16179 **Item 6 The resignation of Cllr M Jones was noted and the Clerk was authorised to declare the seat vacant and inform RDC of the casual vacancy.** The Clerk to write to Mr Jones and thank him for his service and offer of continued help.

16180 **Item 7 Highways and Transport Matters.**
(a)Cllr Reverend Gibbs' report was noted.

16181 **Item 8 BT Consultation on the removal of telephone boxes. It was resolved** that the Clerk write to RDC to protest about the removal of the boxes as follows; they are defective and until they are repaired

the extent of usage cannot be measured; they are essential in our rural location; mobile signals are not reliable.

16182 **Item 9 Sussex Police Precept. It was resolved that the Clerk comment as follows:** we would like to see more officers/PCSOs, better communication and more information about what crimes are reported and what to communicate to residents. Cllr Greenup will obtain monthly information through the Sussex Police website to report at future meetings.

16183 **Item 10 the Rother Voluntary Action AGM in November was noted.**

16184 **Item 11 Planning**
(a) The Planning report was noted. The report is attached as an appendix to these minutes.
(b) Neighbourhood Plan – a meeting with stakeholders was held on the 16th November. The group felt that the plan was moving in the right direction but more was needed on Broadband provision and business and employment. The next step is the strategic environmental assessment of sites.

16185 **Item 12 Land Management**
(a) Cllr King reported that there was minimal damage to the hedges on the field following the recent gales, He advised that a 6 x 4 ft wooden shed is suitable for installation on the field, next to the clubhouse, suitable for everyone's needs; the Clerk to apply for planning permission.
(b) Knowle Wood – RDC's Tree Protection Officer has advised us what trees can be removed and whether the work undertaken so far has been acceptable.

16186 **Item 13 It was resolved to approve a spend of £180 for the Parish Council's tree surgeon, D Gould, to undertake essential tree felling and other work in Knowle Wood.**

16187 **Item 14 Country Park and Firehills**
(a) The update from Murray Davidson dated 31st October was noted.

16188 **Item 15 County and District Councillors Reports.** Cllr Bird reported that Coastguard Lane is owned by Hastings Borough Council (HBC) but on RDC land and that the police are responsible for parking and for dealing with obstructions. Cllr Maynard thanked the Chairman for her communications about Knowle Road and he will ensure that rate payers are getting good value for money. He has raised the poor work of the contractors and this is being resolved at their expense. He asked that any other incidents are reported to him.

16189 **Item 16 Information and/or Future Agenda Items** noted:
(a) RDC Parish Town Seminar 23rd November.
(b) Recent incidents of anti-social behaviour.
(c) Letter from the Chairman of RDC about the Rother Rural trust dated November 2016.

16190 **Item 17 Correspondence** noted as listed on the agenda.

16191 **Item 18 Close and the date of next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 24th January 2017 at 7 pm at the Fairlight Village Hall.** The formal part of the meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

Open Forum
A resident asked if money would be available in the budget for the Pett Level Rescue Boat as new dry suits were needed. The Chairman asked that an application for a grant be made through Cllr Greenup. Another resident expressed his concern about the poor condition of roads in the Parish and asked that they are repaired asap. Cllr Maynard said that the budget for highway maintenance is small compared with other councils and that ESCC has a large commitment to adults and children's social care. Cllr Maynard was asked to visit Fairlight Avenue to see how bad the road is. A concern was raised about water problems in Waites Lane (reported 26 years ago.) Cllr Maynard asked the resident to contact him with further information. The issue of the poor work undertaken in Knowle Road was mentioned as was speeding in the village and surrounding roads.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their participation and closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

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(Cllr Revd V Gibbs – Chair)

APPENDICES

Planning Report for Fairlight Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 22nd November 2016

1) Planning Applications

Planning report week 43
RR/2016/2676/P
43 Lower Waites Lane, Fairlight TN35 4DD
Erection of conservatory.

Parish Council comments:
1) The applicant is known to all members of our Planning Committee as he is vice Chairman of the parish Council.
2) The Parish Council has no objection to this proposal
3) Any comments from neighbours should be taken into account.

Planning report week 44
RR/2016/2811/P
Battery Hill, Fairlight TN35 4AP
Installation of 17.50m Telecommunications Pole and 1 Equipment Cabinet, & removal of 14.00m Telecommunications Pole and 1 Equipment Cabinet.

Parish Council comments:
1) The Parish Council has no objection to this proposal
2) We would like the pole to be painted green to blend into the landscape.
3) Any comments from neighbours should be taken into account.

Planning report week 45
Nothing for Fairlight

2)Planning Decisions
None this month

3) Planning Appeal
App/U1430/D/16/3157699
RR/2016/1454/P
Windover, Sea Road, Fairlight TN35 4DR
Demolition of existing garage and workshop and replacement with ancillary living accommodation.

Appeal submitted – Outcome awaited.

Stephen Leadbetter
Planning Committee Chairman
16th November 2016